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In re Application of :
Hermush, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/721,503 :
Filed: November 22, 2000 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: 537.017US1 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 26, 2006 to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned June 4, 2002 for failure to timely reply to the Notice to Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice) filed April 3, 2002. The Notice set a two month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 was timely submitted. Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 5, 2001.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith in accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See, Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the Notice is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alesia M. Brown', is written over the printed name.

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